



FRYE LIGHTS

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FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET

As many of you know, the next few months are crucial for the Council as they analyze and discuss next year's citywide budget. This year, due to our new structure of government, the Mayor introduced his budget to the Council in April. After receiving an analysis from the Council's Independent Budget Analyst and further deliberation, the Council will present changes they would like reflected to the Mayor. The Mayor can then veto the decisions and if applicable, the Council may choose to override that veto.

The following information offers key dates for this year's budget process. As always, Councilmember Frye encourages your participation in this process by providing your opinion during the public comment portion of our upcoming budget hearings.

2006-2007 Budget Process - KEY DATES

Friday, April 14

Mayor Sanders unveils his budget

Monday, April 17

Mayor's budget introduced at Council

Wednesday, April 19

Budget Hearing: General Public Comment in Council Chambers, 9am- Noon

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Upcoming Community Forum

The Serra Mesa Community Council is holding a special meeting on May 31, 2006, to host Councilmember Donna Frye and Mayor Jerry Sanders at a community forum.

This meeting will be held at the Taft Middle School Auditorium, located at 9222 Gramercy Drive, and will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

As you may know, the meetings are regularly held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The Community Council has changed the date for the May meeting only.

For more information, please contact Serra Mesa Representative, Kristin Camper-Wozniak at (619) 533-6460. We hope to see you there!



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Success at the 2006 Creek to Bay Cleanup!

On April 29th, Councilmember Frye's office participated in the *I Love a Clean San Diego's* 4th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup. This year's District Six staff were site captains in Mission Valley along the San Diego River. Fifteen community members donated their Saturday to help clean up trash and debris all along the River. By the end of the 4-hour cleanup, the team had removed 391 pounds of trash in bags, in addition to filling a commercial-sized dumpster!

City-wide, 2,696 volunteers cleaned up over 71 miles of trash and debris. District Six teams collected 99,323 pounds of trash, 4,104 pounds of recyclable materials, and 103,427 pounds of debris! Thank you for all your hard work, and congratulations to *I Love a Clean San Diego* for organizing such a successful cleanup!



Clairemont Representative Mary Ann Kempczenski (right) gets the team ready for their day.



After a full day of collecting, the team raise their "trash grabbers" in success.



Councilmember Frye snuck away from the group to stop and smell the flowers.



Councilmember Frye met one of dedicated clean-up volunteers from the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon.

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Wednesday, April 26	Budget Hearing: General Public Comment Council Chambers, 9am—Noon
Friday, April 28	Independent Budget Analyst's report issued
Wednesday, May 3	Budget Hearing: Overview and public comment on selected departments: Park & Recreation, Library, Community and Economic Development Council Chambers, 9am—Noon and 2pm—6pm
Thursday, May 4	Budget Hearing: Overview and public comment on selected departments: Public Safety, TOT/Special Promo, other departments as requested Council Chambers, 9am—Noon and 2pm—6 pm
Friday, May 5	Budget Hearing: Unfinished overview and public comment from previous two days' hearings Council Chambers, 9am—Noon
Monday, May 15	Full Council deliberations on budget
Friday, May 19	Independent Budget Analyst's report on Council recommendations for budget changes
Wednesday, May 24	Joint Budget Committee/City Council meeting on changes to the Mayor's budget Council Committee Room, 9am—Noon
Tuesday, May 30	Full Council decision on changes to the budget
Wednesday, May 31	Mayor's veto period begins
Wednesday, June 7	Mayor's veto period ends
Monday, June 12	Full Council decision to override veto, if applicable

California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Visits San Diego

On April 11, 2006, Councilmember Frye was pleased to meet California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson during his recent visit to our City, to discuss the current state of election processes in San Diego.

Among some of the topics discussed, Councilmember Frye and the Secretary of State exchanged ideas regarding electronic voting machines, increasing voter turn-out and voter education.

During his term, Secretary of State McPherson has built relationships with federal, state and local partners and has become a national leader in election reform. He has developed innovative ways to ensure the integrity of every vote and to make government more customer-friendly and efficient for all Californians. One of his most recent reforms was to create a more rigorous certification process for electronic voting system.



Councilmember Frye was delighted to hear the Secretary's ideas, as she herself was instrumental in creating the Elections Task Force and is committed to creating an environment of fair elections. She also brought many of these issues to the forefront as Chair of the Government Efficiency & Openness Committee in 2005.

Both the Councilmember and the Secretary of State were pleased with the opportunity to meet and express their opinions and Councilmember Frye appreciates Secretary McPherson taking the time to open this important line of communication.



Councilmember Frye Helps “Canine Companions for Independence”

On April 25, 2006, Councilmember Frye rolled up her sleeves and teamed up with Ben & Jerry's to help an exceptional organization in San Diego. Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream hosted a “Free Cone Day” to benefit the Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs, and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

Councilmember Frye joined other volunteers behind the Ben & Jerry's counter to give out free ice cream to a long line of eager Seaport Village visitors. Ben & Jerry's offered this event at their stores worldwide!

For more information about Canine Companions, visit their website at www.cci.org or call 1-800-572-2275. Thanks Ben & Jerry's! Councilmember Frye looks forward to next year's event!



Councilmember Frye keeps a smile on her face as she scoops some “New York Super Fudge Chunk” ice cream for an eager customer.



Councilmember Frye provides a few suggestions for a customer that was overwhelmed with all of the delicious choices!



What can we say, District Six staff wanted to contribute to the charity event, too! After waiting in a long line, Clairemont Representative Keith Corry and Policy Advisor Kevin Smith finally get their hands on some ice cream.



Representatives of Canine Companions distributed information and watched happily as the long line for ice cream grew before their eyes!



Meet the Global SchoolNet Foundation

The Global SchoolNet Foundation (GSN) partners with schools, communities and businesses to provide collaborative educational, scientific and cultural learning activities that prepare students for the workforce and help them to become literate and responsible global citizens.

This non-profit organization has been linking classrooms around the world since 1984. Its free membership programs provide project-based learning support materials, resources, activities, lessons and special offers for partners.

Among some of the features offered by the GSN is a Global Schoolhouse; a virtual meeting place where educators, students, parents and community members can collaborate, interact, develop, publish and discover learning resources. The Schoolhouse also offers a Project Registry, where users can access a clearinghouse of more than 2000 online collaborative projects, organized by topics, grade and project date, making it easy for interested people to find partners or join projects around the globe!



Another great program is the US Department of State sponsored "Doors to Diplomacy." This program encourages middle school and high school students worldwide to produce web projects that teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. These projects are included in an official judging process with a panel including interested web members and peer reviews. Each member of the winning team receives a \$2,000 scholarship!

To learn more about this wonderful organization, visit their website at GlobalSchoolNet.org.

John Muir School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On April 19, Councilmember Frye joined students, parents and community members to celebrate the new home of John Muir School, located at 4431 Mt. Herbert Avenue in Clairemont.

Councilmember Frye said a few words to welcome all the attendees and thank all those who worked hard to obtain this important goal.

The Councilmember wishes the Muir School staff, faculty and students success in the future of their new facility and in obtaining the quest of John Muir School to build world citizens!



Councilmember Frye took a picture with John Muir students Giovanna Meza and Nathan Eclavea.



The Councilmember was joined by John Muir Principal, Nancy Johnson.



Fun at the Linda Vista Multicultural Fair & Parade!

On April 22, 2006, Councilmember Frye joined the wonderfully diverse community of Linda Vista at the 21st Annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair & Parade. Despite a twenty percent chance of rain, hundreds of families joined in the festivities and experienced the delicious authentic foods, exciting music and rich cultural showcases.

Councilmember Frye kicked off her day by riding in the parade, and then joined County Supervisor Ron Roberts to welcome attendees and announce the winners of this year's Art & Essay Contest. She then spent some time in her booth, meeting community members, answering questions and providing information on upcoming issues and events.

Councilmember Frye thanks the Linda Vista Fair Steering Committee for their hard work and dedication in putting on yet another successful event, and appreciates the hours put in by the many volunteers who helped make this one of the best years for the Multicultural Fair & Parade.

We can't wait until next year's festivities!!!



Councilmember Frye stopped to snap a photo with long-time Linda Vista resident and dedicated volunteer, Joann Carini.



Councilmember Frye and Ron Roberts congratulate a first place winner in the Art & Essay Contest.



Councilmember Frye had fun riding in the parade next to community member and volunteer, Donald Mayes. Thanks for the ride Don!



A community member stopped by Councilmember Frye's booth to discuss an important issue and gather some information regarding upcoming events.



Become a City Commissioner!

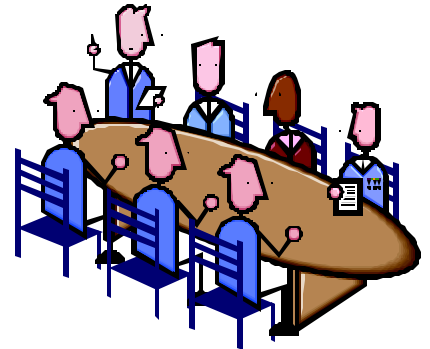
Councilmember Frye encourages you to get involved as a member of a City board or commission. These citywide boards and commissions serve as advisory committees to the Mayor, Council and City Departments regarding issues ranging from ethics and housing to arts & culture and parking. With over thirty recognized advisory groups, there are a number of opportunities for you to apply your expertise and help shape local policies and legislation.

The City of San Diego's website provides information regarding each board or commission recognized by the Mayor and Council. You can also find a list of upcoming vacancies, and a brief description of the requirements for prospective board members of each board or commission. Please use the following link to obtain the appropriate information:

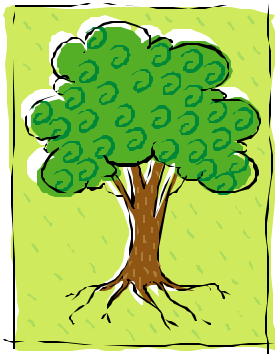
www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions

Councilmember Frye considers all résumés she receives from interested candidates. If you would like to serve, please notify Councilmember Frye by sending a copy of your résumé as well as the board or commission you are interested in serving on. You can email your information to DonnaFrye@sandiego.gov or mail your information to Councilmember Donna Frye, 202 C Street, MS10A, San Diego, CA 92101.

Your involvement can help represent your local community and Council District Six in a number of issues that affect all San Diego citizens. Get involved today!



Conserve-A-Tree Nomination



The Urban Forestry Section of the City's Street Division has partnered with the Community Forest Advisory Board and you, to protect our communities' most prized trees.

The Board has asked for nominations from community members in the following four categories:

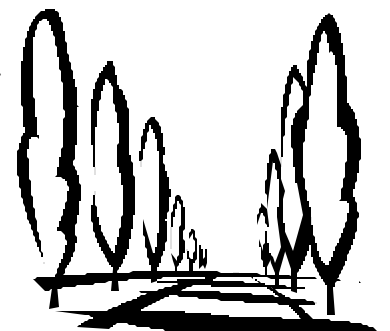
Landmark Trees—Striking or unusual trees with high aesthetic value. Features may include being large for the particular species, special or unusual form, interesting flowers or branching patterns and/or species that are rare to their location.

Heritage Trees—Significant for their age or historical value. This category may include trees 50 years or older and those that are connected to a historical event, building or district, or planted by a historically significant individual.

Parkway Resource Trees—Groups of trees in public right-of-ways, public parking lots or trails. The trees must have consistent design themes with similar sizes, shapes, health and forms or create a canopy over a public right-of-way.

Preservation Grove—Groups of trees in public right-of-ways, open space, designated environmentally sensitive lands, conservation easements or parklands. These groves must have 6 or more trees with trunks within 100 feet, be of the same or similar species and forms, be native, naturalized or endemic and be surviving without intervention.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form, please contact Street Division's Senior Public Information Officer, Mona Favorite-Hill at (619) 527-3145 or email Mona at mfavoritehill@sandiego.gov.





Mission Valley Library River Fest

Saturday

May 20, 2006

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Library Garden
2123 Fenton Parkway

Explore San Diego's Own Secret Garden

Join the Friends of the Mission Valley Library for a
celebration of San Diego River Day

Live Music & Kids' Activities Provided!

Take the trolley from Fenton Parkway to Rio Vista, Mission Valley or Hazard Center & enjoy a walk along the river!

Trolley Rides

Kids 5 and under **FREE!**

Two children 12 and under ride **FREE** with a fare paying adult

Adult all day **UNLIMITED** rides for \$ 5.

Seniors (60 +) / Disabled Fare \$ 2.

Hop on and off as often as you like. This is a great way to **SEE THE RIVER.**

For more information call (619) 236 - 7053 or visit www.sandiegoriver.org



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RiverFest

Contest



Explore the San Diego River through Mission Valley.
Find these spots along the river.



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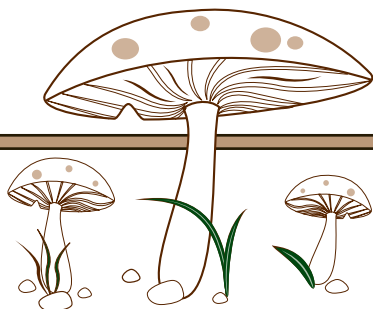


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Prizes !!!

Mail your answers before May 20th to
Councilmember Donna Frye
202 C St. San Diego 92101
Include Name, Address, Phone #
or email donnafrye@sandiego.gov

Locations will be revealed at RiverFest
Saturday May 20th Noon
Mission Valley Library Garden





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